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Recipients of the Agawam Jaycee-Jaycee-ette's annual awards are shown above at a banquet held in their honor at the Silver Carriage Inn. From left to right they are: Dorothy Marquis, chosen 'Woman of the Year'; Jaycee President Ted Zern; Venetta Snyder, who received the Jaycee's 'Distinguished Service Award'; 'Educator of the Year' Ann Favreau; 'Man of the Year' Mr. G. Fred Affleck; and 'Business Person of the Year', Patricia Guevin. photo by Jack Devine.

Planning Board Look At Projects

The Agawam Planning Board will meet on Thursday, March 1, 1979 at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Administration Building hearing room. On the agenda will be a review of the proposed zone changes for both South/Suffield Streets, where developer Frank Solitario has proposed construction of a condominium project, and South West Street, where Beltrandi Associates have proposed to build Feeding Hills Business Park.

Connelly Chosen For Council

House Speaker Thomas W. McGee has announced the appointment of Representatives Edward W. Connolly (R-Agawam) and Louis Nickinello (D-Natick) as Mass. Representatives to the Council of State Governments - Eastern Regional Conference Committees. They will serve on Urban and Rural Affairs for the 1979-1980 biennium.

The goals of the regional committees are twofold: first, the members will discuss and analyze the need for developing model legislation as well as program needs in a particular field, an second, it will afford the participants an

Agawam Citizens Together (ACT) Organize

by Gail Loncto

On February 18th, a newly-formed action group comprised of approximately one hundred Agawam citizens met for the first time to discuss the organization of their group and its purpose. The group is called Agawam Citizens Together (ACT).

According to Mrs. Audrey J. Dempsey, who is spearheading the organization of this group, their purpose is to form a town-wide committee to work for the betterment of the whole

town of Agawam.

Mrs. Dempsey went on to say that the proposed projects that the ACT group will look into are the following: the closing of the Ottawa Street fire station in North Agawam, the proposed condominiums in Feeding Hills, the Beltrandi business park proposed for Feeding Hills, the proposed racetrack on Silver Street, and any others that concern the development of Agawam.

Mrs. Dempsey stated, "We are not against progress in Agawam; we just want to insure proper growth for our town."

Mrs. Dempsey feels that the citizens in Agawam have been complacent for too long, and she urges any citizen who wants to be heard or to help the ACT group to contact her in writing at 397 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 01030.

A meeting of the ACT group will be held on Sunday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. All interested people are encouraged to attend.

Library Review Board Holds Meetings

At last Thursday's meeting of the newly appointed Library Review Board, representatives of the Agawam Business Association presented the board with a list of questions the Association wished answered concerning the actions of the Cooper Street Library Building Committee. The Review Board is comprised of Rene Thomas, Chairman; Thomas Coppola, Raymond Saracino, and Marilyn Curry. The questions presented are summarized below:

—Whether a complete set of Library Committee meeting minutes are on file?

—When were the Library Building Committee members appointed?

—When were members of the High School Renovation Committee appointed?

—Are there letters of appointment from the Town Manager, and were the members legally sworn in?

—Did the Library Building Committee exist before September 16, 1977. If so, where are the minutes of meetings held before that date?

—Are there minutes of the Library Building Committee meetings that explain how the committee arrived at budget figures for the project?

—Why was the two story concept for a library abandoned?

—Do minutes of the meetings agree with the posted minutes?

—Why don't the minutes indicate voting by the Committee to accept minutes of previous meetings?

Arthur Leary, acting as spokesman for the Agawam

Business Association requested that the Association be allowed to submit additional questions to the board at a later date. He also requested an additional member be appointed to the four-man board by the Town Manager to allow the Review Board a "voting majority."

The Business Association made a further request that it be allowed to include the High School Renovation Committee, which is composed of the same three men as the Library Building Committee - Paul Fieldstad, Richard Borgatti, and George Bickford - in their questions to the Review Board. At that time, Chairman of the Review Board Thomas, requested of the Town Manager additional time to file their report. The Board's original commission

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Car and truck on Valentine Terrace are submerged in waist high waters. For second weekend in a row, the stream that runs behind street overflowed, causing flooding of cellars. Councilor Alfred Serra will be meeting with residents of Valentine St. area to discuss problems with sewers. photo. by Jack Devine



Residents of Valentine Terrace try to keep cascading water from flooding basements over the past two weekends. Heavy rains and frozen grounds were the main cause of flooding. photo by Jack Devine.

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Checks Being Sent Early

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge has advised that the March Social Security Benefit Checks will be delivered on Friday, March 2, 1979, instead of the normal 3rd of the month delivery date.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

FEB. 28 - MARCH 6

Wednesday

6:30 LOVE AND DEATH (PG-1:25)
8:00 Special:
THE GREAT CONSUMER
RIP-OFF
9:00 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
11:00 EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS
WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT
SEX... (R-1:27)
12:30 THE SWARM (PG-1:56)

Thursday

6:30 THE MOUSE AND
HIS CHILD (G-1:23)
8:00 CRAZY MAMA (PG-1:20)
9:30 LOOKING FOR
MR. GOODBAR (R-2:15)
12:00 PRETTY MAIDS ALL
IN A ROW (R-1:32)

Friday

6:00 CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL
(PG-1:43)
8:00 FUNNY LADY (PG-2:18)
10:30 HOUSE CALLS (PG-1:38)
12:30 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY
(PG-1:31)

3:00 OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE
(G-1:28)
4:30 ESCAPE TO WITCH
MOUNTAIN (G-1:37)
6:30 BANANAS (PG-1:22)
8:00 OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE
(G-1:28)
9:30 Special:
EL GRANDE DE COCA COLA
10:30 LOOKING FOR
MR. GOODBAR (R-2:15)
1:00 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)

Sunday

3:00 THE SWISS CONSPIRACY
(PG-1:31)
4:30 FUNNY LADY (PG-2:18)
7:00 Special:
THE GREAT CONSUMER
RIP-OFF
8:00 THE FURY (R-1:57)
10:00 Special:
DISCO BEAVER FROM
OUTER SPACE
11:00 CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL
(PG-1:43)
1:00 Special:
THE GREAT CONSUMER
RIP-OFF

Monday

6:30 OLLY OLLY OXEN FREE
(G-1:28)
8:00 LEOPARD IN THE SNOW
(PG-1:29)
9:30 LOOKING FOR
MR. GOODBAR (R-2:15)
12:00 CRAZY MAMA
(PG-1:20)

Tuesday

6:00 ESCAPE TO WITCH
MOUNTAIN (G-1:37)
8:00 Special:
CLARENCE DARROW
9:30 CAHILL, U.S. MARSHAL
(PG-1:43)
11:30 THE BIG SLEEP (R-1:40)

March HBO for Families

Family programming is the hallmark of Home Box Office's March schedule of specials including "An Evening in Concert with Glen Campbell," "Double Talk:HBO's Second Annual Adult Ventriloquism and Comedy Show" with host Ted Knight; "The Hollywood Clowns"—a look at film's funniest men and women; Henry Fonda in his critically acclaimed one-man show as lawyer Clarence Darrow; and a special edition of David Sheehan's "UpClose" focusing on the upcoming Oscars. Films for family viewing include "The Revenge of the Pink Panther," "Funny Lady" with Barbra Streisand, Katharine Hepburn in "Olly Olly Oxen Free" and Donny and Marie Osmond in "Going Coconuts," as well as adult fare like "The Choirboys," "Madame Rosa" and "The Fury". And, from HBO Sports, there will be an Olympic "tune-up" on March 7 for track stand-outs from the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. when they meet in Fort Worth for their first match-up of the year.

Glen Campbell's concert appearance at the Royal Family Festival Hall in London was truly a gala evening. Accompanied by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Campbell celebrated his 10th anniversary in show business as a major entertainer performing award-winning hits like "Wichita Lineman," "By The Time I Get to Phoenix," and "Rhinstone Cowboy." "An Evening in Concert with Glen Campbell" debuts March 17.

On March 11, HBO, by popular demand, will present "Double Talk: HBO's Second Annual Adult Ventriloquism and Comedy Show." Hosted by Ted Knight, who performs his own ventriloquism routine, the 90-minute special videotaped at Knott's Berry Farm also includes such voice-throwing greats as Senor Wences and Shari Lewis.

"The Hollywood Clowns" (debuting March 23) is hilarious and comprehensive retrospective for the entire family of the best buffoons Hollywood has produced. The comedic genius of Chaplin, Fields, Laurel and Hardy, Buster Keaton, the Marx Brothers, Martin and Lewis, and such recent clowns as Mel Brooks and Woody Allen will be seen in classic screen moments.

Henry Fonda, one of the foremost actors of our century, portrays one of the most controversial lawyers in America's history, when HBO presents the TV adaptation of "Henry Fonda as Clarence Darrow" on March 6. "I urge everyone, man, woman, and child interested in justice and America, to see this play," wrote critic Clive Barnes in *The New York Times* when the show opened on Broadway.

All the Oscar hopefuls will get a chance to say what's really on their minds as Academy Award night approaches on David Sheehan's special edition of "UpClose" which focuses on the much coveted Oscar (beginning March 20).

Rounding out sports in March will be collegiate gymnastics with a special meet featuring three of the powerhms in the country: Oklahoma, Nebraska and Iowa State (March 12); and on March 19, Indianan State is pitted against Penn State. Other HBO sports highlights will include coverage of AAU Intercity Boxing featuring Philadelphia at Atlanta (March 21) and Boston at N.Y. (March 28); and, as a special attraction, the 14th Gold Skate Classic—a championship contest showcasing America's fastest growing sport, roller skating (March 29).

Peter Sellers will once again star as Inspector Clouseau in "The Revenge of the Pink Panther" (March 18). Dipping into his bag of disguises, the gifted Sellers comes up with a wild array of personalities (everyone from Toulouse-Lautrec to the Godfather) to help Clouseau confound the Mafia and the authorities. Dyan Cannon and Herbert Lom co-star.

"Funny Lady," Barbra Streisand's spectacular sequel to "Funny Girl" will begin its HBO run on March 2. The musical, with new songs by Kander and Ebb of "Cabaret" fame, continues the story of legendary entertainer Fanny Brice through the '30's and '40's. James Caan co-stars as Fanny's second husband Billy Rose, and Omar Sharif returns as her first husband, the smooth-talking Nicky Arnstein.

"Madame Rosa," (March 10) last year's Oscar winner for best foreign film, is the warm and touching story of a tender relationship between a dying ex-prostitute and concentration camp survivor (Simone Signoret, in a memorable performance) and a 14-year-old Arab orphan.

School Lunch Menus

Agawam Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 28-Sliced white meat turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, rye bread and butter, orange jello w/ whip topping, milk.

Thursday, March 1-Chilled juice, meatball grinder w/ tomato sauce, buttered green beans, apple crisp, milk.

Friday, March 2-Chilled apple juice, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich, 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, oven french fries, ketchup, shredded carrot & raisin salad w/ mayonnaise, ice cream cup, milk.

Monday, March 5: Vegetable beef soup, cold meat & cheese sandwich in roll, mustard & mayonaise, tossed salad w/ oil & vinegar dressing, chilled fruit cup in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 6: Baked hamburger & macaroni in tomato sauce, creamy cole slaw, Italian bread & butter, peach crisp, milk.

Wednesday, March 7: Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard & relish, oven french fries, buttered 7-minute cabbage, chocolate cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, March 8: Oven roasted turkey w/ rice stuffing, buttered peas & carrots, cranberry sauce garnish, whole wheat bread & butter, cherry jello w/ whip topping, milk.

Friday, March 9: Orange juice, filet of haddock sandwich, oven baked beans, buttered niblet corn, tartar sauce or ketchup, ice cream-cup, milk.

Southwick Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 28-Oven baked chicken, brown gravy, potatoes, buttered corn, bread & butter, cherry jello w/ topping, milk.

Thursday, March 1- Sloppy Joe on bun, catsup, potato rounds, buttered peas, chocolate cake w/ white icing, milk.

Friday, March 2-Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, popeye salad w/ dressing, bread & butter, chilled cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Mon., March 5: Ham & cheese grinder w/ lettuce, catsup, potato rounds, buttered corn, chocolate pudding w/ topping, milk.

Tues., March 6: Chili w/ beans, buttered rice, buttered green beans, bread & butter or saltines, jello w/ peaches, milk.

Wed., March 7: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, buttered carrots, garden green salad w/ dressing, French bread w/ butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Thurs., March 8: Roast turkey w/ brown gravy, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, bread & butter, cranberry crunch, milk.

Fri., March 9: Golden fried fish, tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, chef's salad w/ dressing, bread & butter, oatmeal cookies, milk.

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street

2/28: Lasagna, cole slaw, blueberry turnovers

3/1: Barbequed beef ribs, potato puffs, squash, jello

3/2: Fish sticks, tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, corn apple crisp

3/5: Quiche Lorraine, carrots salad, rice pudding

3/6: Chicken croquettes, rice, green beans, fruit

3/7: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, sweet/sour beets, custard

3/8: Sweet Italian sausages, buttered noodles, spinach, cookies

3/9: Fish, potato puffs, lettuce, cherry pie

The family of the late Mr. E. Soden donated a beautiful new grandfather clock to the Senior Center. It has a place of honor in our hallway and is admired by everyone. We would like to thank the Soden family most heartily; the clock is one of the most beautiful objects we have in the Center, and we cannot think of a lovelier memorial gift.

We have a few more seats left for our Flower Show trip to Boston with lunch at Jimmy's Harborside restaurant. Price only \$15. We only go to the Flower Show every other year, so don't miss this one or you will have to wait till 1981, and with inflation growing steadily, you might then have to pay \$30. The show is Tuesday, March 20, and the bus leaves at 9 a.m.

Our next movie on Wednesday, March 7, will be "The Long Journey" describing the immigration experience of a young Polish boy and his family at the turn of the century. For all whose parents or grandparents came from the old countries, this should be an interesting show.

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Down to Earth

If the roots are brown and rotted and have a smell like the bottom of an old pond, the plant has been overwatered badly or else the drainage hole is topped up, and there may not be much of a chance for recovery.

Plants in very tiny pots usually will need repotting soon after you buy them. They will need more soil for healthy growth and don't look like the pot ball.

knocking it out as this will help hold the root ball together. Spread the fingers of one hand over the top of the pot and pull the plant out in a few hours after you have watered any plant that wets in a large number of roots growing out of the drainage holes. Pay special attention to

The entire plant will root and soil contact should all over and should probably be reported.

The plant can gently be sorted. The soil it is not time to report. needed.

Women who have been raped or who have been beaten by their husband or boyfriend may not know where to go for help. The Springfield Women's Task Force, under the auspices of the Springfield YWCA, will train volunteers to staff the Hotline to End Rape and Abuse (HERA). The hotline opened last spring and is located in Greater Springfield in a confidential location. Training will begin on Monday evening, March 19th. Learn to be an effective helper by meeting for six Saturday at the YWCA, 26 Howard Street, Springfield.

The HERA hotline number is 733-2561 and is listed with telephone information under "Hotline to End Rape and Abuse."

Learn listening skills, medical and legal information, and the most effective ways to help victims of rape and domestic violence. A commitment to work for six months is expected, and the schedule is flexible.

Funding has recently been received to implement a Rape Intervention, Prevention, and Education Program for the next year. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer may call Betty Taylor at the YWCA.

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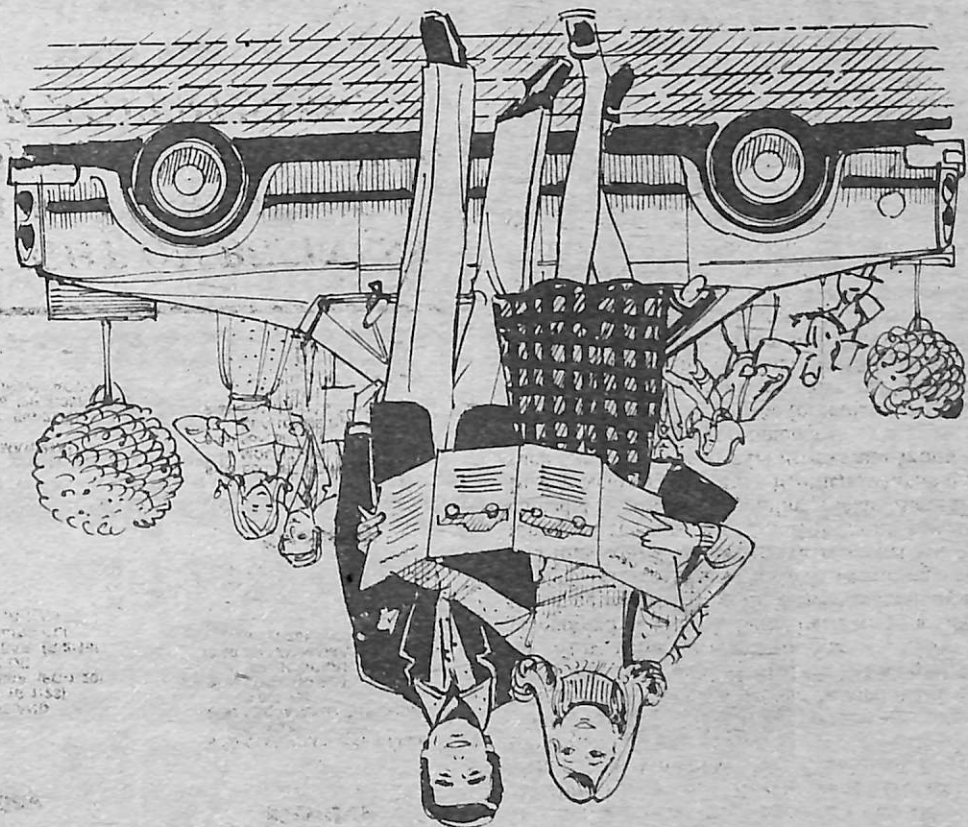
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\$3,500	24	11.00	163.12	3,914.88	414.88
	36	11.00	114.56	4,124.88	624.88
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 and tan bassett hound:
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 found abandoned at an
 apartment at Lakeview
 Village.
 A below-knee sized black
 curly fur and uncropped tail.
 Berkshire Ave. has long,
 friendly stray male; found at
 corner of Pt. Grove Road and
 stray male; found at the
 An above-knee sized light
 brown mixture, a quick,
 friendly stray male; found on
 Field Street.
 A knee-high sized husky
 shepherd/keeshond: black
 and tan with gray around the
 eyes; friendly stray puppy
 with one floppy ear; found at
 Vining Hill
 A special announcement
 has been made of four dogs
 which disappeared in
 Southwick on Monday.
 A lap-sized, black and tan
 terrier; friendly female with
 short hair; owner turned in.
 February 19th. Please protect
 your dogs.

On Thursday, March 15th, the members of the Agawam Historical Association will be the guests of the Ramapoque Sandwich Association and will meet at the Milnunaque Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

Social



Pat Guevin, Editor of the Agawam Advertiser/News is shown with Ted Zern, President of the Agawam Jaycees at recent award banquet. Pat was chosen 'Business Person of the Year' by the Jaycees. photo by Jack Devine

Jr. Women Post Contributions

Mrs. Diana Willard, president of the Agawam Junior Women's Club, wishes to publish the civic and charitable appropriations made by her organization for the 1978-79 season. It is her hope that women of the community who are interested in learning about the club's activities can get an idea from this list of what is done with the profits from a season of civic work.

\$450 - Three \$150 scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors from Agawam High

\$176 - New piece of playground equipment for Wade Park in Feeding Hills (taken from previous safety project award money)

\$121.95 - Gifts to new town library; \$114 for children's record player and 3 educational albums and \$7.95 for environmental book most requested by students

\$88 - 11 new crossing guard signs for each of public school guards (also taken from previous safety award money)

\$50 - Law enforcement scholarship (safety money)

\$50 - Women's Division of Alcoholism Services of Greater Springfield

\$50 - Heart House, a halfway house for abused women and their children which provides

emergency shelter
\$50 - National Reyes Syndrome Foundation; working for public awareness of this disease

\$25 - 1980 Winter Olympics

\$25 - SPAN Center

\$25 - American Field Service, Agawam chapter

\$20 - Large-type reading material for Heritage Hall Nursing Home

\$16 - Maintenance of smoke detectors at Capt. Leonard House (detectors previously purchased with safety money)

\$16 - Environmental book for Laughing Brook Educational Center

\$15 - Channel 57, public TV

\$10 - gift for Woman-in-the-Public-Eye Contest

\$10 - Children's Television Workshop

\$10 - American Cancer Society

\$10 - American Heart Association

\$10 - Easter Seal Society

\$10 - March of Dimes

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the Massachusetts Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the U.S. and is open to new memberships all through the year. Interested women may contact Mrs. Barbara O'Connor at 786-6772.

Lions Dinner Slated

The Lions Club of Agawam will hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper, Wednesday, March 14th at the Agawam Middle School. Servings will be from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening.

Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Support your Lion's Club and have a nice dinner at the same time. Help the Lions help the community.

LaLeche League To Meet

La Leche League of Agawam will be having its next meeting on Monday, March 5th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. John Provencher, 65 Kathy Terrace, Feeding Hills.

An informal discussion on the family and the breast-fed baby will be held. Mothers with babies, mothers-to-be, and any interested women are always welcome.

For further information, contact Mrs. James Cook, 183 Pinewick Circle, Agawam.

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Agawam Student's Art Work Chosen For Boston Exhibit

Amy Bickford, an art student at Agawam High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bickford of Albert Road, has had a batik work entitled "Jungle" chosen to be exhibited as an entry in the 29th annual Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards.

These awards are sponsored nationally by Scholastic Magazines, Inc. of New York in an art competition covering a wide variety of materials plus photography.

Amy's work was chosen from more than 4,000 entries from junior and senior high schools across the state which were judged last month by a jury of New England artists, art educators, and specially-invited students.

The exhibit, which opened February 6th, is in the lobby of the Prudential Tower in Boston's Back Bay and will run through Sunday, February 25th, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Andrea Poirier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Poirier of 76 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills, helped judge entries to the contest and is shown in several photographs at the beginning of the exhibit. Andrea is also a student at Agawam High School.

Protestants Combine For Ash Wednesday Service

Members of the Protestant churches of Agawam will gather for worship at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, on Ash Wednesday evening at 7:30. The observance of Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of the Lenten season, includes all

protestant churches and is being held ecumenically for the first time.

Rev. Floyd Bryan will preach on "God In Our Worship." Others who will participate are Rev. Frank Dunn, Rev. Donald Morris, and Peter Caputo.

Whist Party Planned

Plans have been made for a Monte Carlo Whist Party to be held at the Springfield Municipal Hospital auditorium on Thursday evening, March 8th. This party is being sponsored and arranged by the members of the Hospital Guild which earns money for the specific purpose of

making life more pleasant for the patients in the hospital.

During the past three years, the Guild has redecorated a visitor/patient lounge on the 2nd floor of the hospital, purchased "Gertie" the bus which transports patients to various areas, added paintings to the hallways, refurbished a visitor/patient lounge area on the main floor of the hospital, and is presently in the midst of redecorating and refurbishing a visitor/patient lounge in the self-care unit of the hospital.

Tickets are now on sale for the card party and may be purchased from any Guild member or at the reception desk in the hospital, or may be purchased at the door on the evening of the card party. There will be refreshments and door prizes and a raffle. New members are welcome to the Hospital Guild and those interested may contact Mrs. Luch Gensheimer of Wilbraham for further details.

Police Country & Western Show Slated

Last week, letters were sent to a majority of families in Agawam regarding the Country and Western show to be held on March 30 to benefit the Agawam Police Association.

Edward Borgatti, president of the Agawam Police Association, wishes to emphasize that there is no obligation to purchase the tickets enclosed with the letter. If you do not want the tickets or if your business will be represented in the program book and you have already received tickets, please dispose of those enclosed with the letter.

If you would like to use the tickets to attend the show, please use the return-addressed envelope for your donation. For additional tickets or information, contact the Agawam Police Department.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 14, 1979
Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper
Lions Club
Agawam Middle School
5 PM to 7 PM

March 1, 1979
Agawam Democratic Town Meeting
Community Room - Central Library
7:30 p.m.

March 30, 1979
Policeman's Country & Western Show
Agawam High School

March 8, 1979
'Gala Tribute to Rep. Edward Connelly'
Chez Josef
6:30 p.m.

March 7, 1979
Coffee Hour
w/ Dr. Cannava
Phelps School
7:30 PM

March 11, 1979
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Gary L. Briggs

Briggs Joins Westbank

Gary L. Briggs has joined Park West Bank and Trust Company as a loan officer in the Consumer Loan Department, announced William A. Franks Jr., president.

Mr. Briggs has been with Household Finance Corporation for six years and held different positions of responsibility including collections, operations, consumer loan, and branch manager of the Newington, N.H., office and, most recently, sales manager of

nineteen branch offices in New England.

A native of Johnson City, New York, he received his B.A. in Economics from Hartwick College, where he played basketball and was a member of the varsity track team.

Mr. Briggs is married to the former Anne Galavotti of Wilbraham, and they have one daughter, Karen Anne, and will reside in West Springfield.

Lioness International Club Formed

A Lioness International Club has recently been formed in our community. The Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club has been certified by Lions International with their charter night to be held March 17th at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Their sponsor, the Hinsdale, Mass., Lions Club, invites all female relatives of Lions to join this service organization. For more information about Lioness programs, contact Alice Collins or Elaine Roberts.

The Lioness program is fairly new, having been in existence since October, 1975, but already there are over 2,000 clubs throughout the world. The female counterpart of Lions International brings a new meaning to Lionism. They work not only with the blind and deaf, but also with youth and the elderly, bringing a special touch that only a woman may have.

Bake sales, selling popcorn, or sponsoring fashion shows are some of the ways that funds are raised for their projects, which include health fairs, eye and ear screening clinics, the Vial of Life program, and transporting the blind.

The Lioness are aware of

the needs of others because of their participation in the Massachusetts Eye Research Foundation, Orthoptic Clinic of Springfield, and Emergency Sight and Hearing Fund. These are just a few of the organizations which benefit from their endeavors.

On April 7th, the Lioness of Massachusetts will participate with the Lions Clubs in collecting funds for the blind. This has been dedicated by the Massachusetts Eye Research Foundation as "White Cane Day in Massachusetts." In the near future, containers will be placed in designated areas for the collection of monies. In addition, Lioness will be collecting personally in various shopping centers.

The officers of the Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club are Anne Cascio, president, Dolly Lafleur, vice-president, Alice Collins, secretary, and Juanita Vining, treasurer. Directors are Florence Cascio, Merle Cavanaugh, and Elaine Roberts. Lucille Camyre will serve as Lioness tamer and Hair-puller.

The members of the Agawam-Feeding Hills Lioness Club wish to thank all those who have encouraged them and in any way helped in making this new club a success. "We Serve, Too."

and Helen Mae Diamond.

The Agawam High School Class of 1929 is planning a 50th class reunion and would appreciate any information on the following people: Frank Keating, Thomas Holmes, Napoleon Dupuis,

If you can furnish any information on any of these people, please contact Richard Kellogg at 786-3297 or Alice Moore at 786-8249.

High School Students Visit Tut Exhibit

A group of 32 Agawam High School art students recently enjoyed the King Tutankhamun exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. They were accompanied by art teachers Mrs. Geraldine Schilling-

Nordal, Mrs. Laurel Malerba, and Miss Kathy Ennis.

A special guide was assigned to the group, and each object shown was individually explained.

The group, which included American Field Service

students Wady Vado from Costa Rica and Agneta Hedenblad from Sweden, also toured the United Nations, had lunch in the Delegates Dining Room, enjoyed the Broadway show *Chorus Line*, had dinner at Mama Leone's,

saw the movie *The New York Experience*, and visited St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Since they left Agawam at 5:30 a.m. and returned at 11:30 p.m., the day for this group was truly "A New York Experience."

Coffee Hour With Cannava Slated

With the idea of making parenthood a rewarding experience in mind, the Developmental Learning Center of the Agawam schools is inviting the public to a coffee hour at the Phelps School on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ernest Cannava will present a film "Strengthening Today's Children" which will be followed by a discussion of child management and

development based on Dr. William Glasser's Reality Therapy.

Dr. Glasser, a nationally-known author and lecturer, proposes that one can be an authority figure, a person responsible for his child's welfare, as well as being friends with his child. If you are interested in attaining knowledge of effective parenting, please attend this meeting on March 7th.

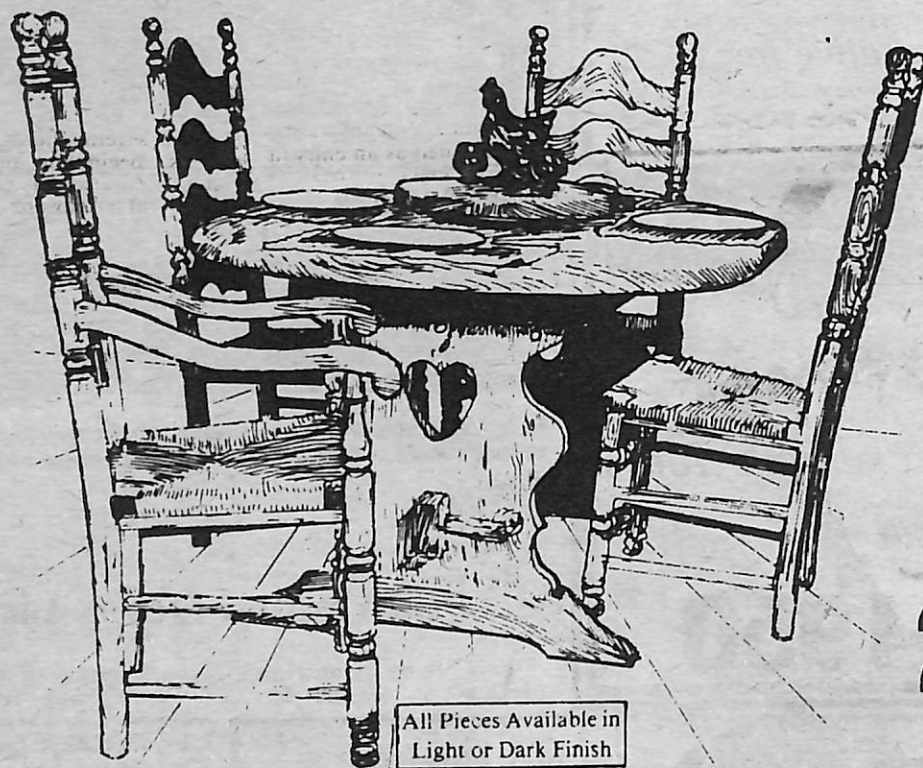
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Troop 76 Selling Candy

Boy Scout Troop 76, sponsored by St. Theresa's parish of North Agawam, is selling Hershey's milk chocolate bars for \$1 each to raise money for equipment for the new troop and for activities such as a trip to a Scout Council planned for June.

Scouts will be selling house-to-house on the weekends of March 3 and 4 and March 10 and 11. The candy will also be

for sale after masses on March 3 and 4 at St. Theresa's Church or may be purchased from any scout in Troop 76.

The troop would like to thank all those who have already helped out by buying candy and ask those who have not yet done so to please help out the scouts as the only way for troops to get money is for the scouts to earn it themselves.

New Law Deals With Rotary Intersections

With winter's cold fury keeping drivers busier than usual, Richard E. McLaughlin, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, warns motorists they must not rush into rotary intersections.

"Drivers already making the circle or leaving the rotary have the right of way," McLaughlin said. "Drivers who approach the rotary must slow down and yield to those already within the area."

The Registrar noted many motorists seem unaware of the new law which puts a stop to the incoming driver barging into the rotary and forcing those within to make

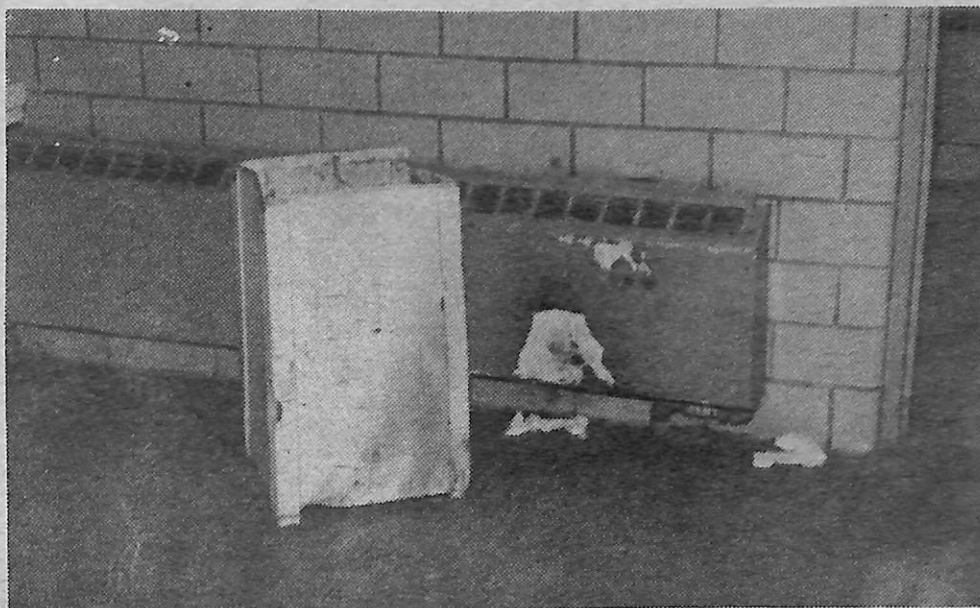
room for him.

The state law puts Massachusetts in line with the international motor vehicle laws regarding traffic control at rotaries.

Registrar McLaughlin said he is reminding motorists of this new law because complaints have been received of drivers who still rush headlong into rotaries, without seeming regard for either the law or their fellow motorists.

Registry law enforcement officers have been advised to "re-educate the driver with a citation," the Registrar said.

School Vandalsim - A Growing Problem



This waste basket in a boys' room at Agawam High School is the scene of almost daily fires.

School vandalism is an ever increasing problem faced by the Agawam School system. In next week's issue, Gail Lonetto of our staff will take an in-depth look at the problem of vandalism and what is being done to curtail the destruction. Gail's article, originally scheduled for this issue, could not be completed due to the recent school vacation. Look for her startling findings in next week's issue.



Meeting for Bereaved Parents

The Springfield Chapter of the Compassionate Friends, an international self-help group for bereaved parents, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial House auditorium at Mercy Hospital.

The meeting is open to any parent who has lost a child. The friends and relatives of bereaved parents are also welcome. The chapter serves all of the communities of the Pioneer Valley.

The purpose of the

Compassionate Friends is to provide a positive resolution of grief through a willingness to listen and to share and through chapter programs. The group helps parents work through their grief and readjust to life by providing someone to talk to, a listener who understands.

For further information, call Bob or Mary Ristino, chapter leaders, at 567-7322 or write to them at 51 Birch Road, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

March is Save Your Vision Month

Boston—"Say Yes to Your Eyes" is the theme for the 1979 observance of Save Your Vision Month, which begins on March 5, the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists announced today.

The event, slated for March 5-31, is proclaimed annually by the President of the United States to remind Americans of the role good vision plays in their lives and of the importance of preserving their sight with proper preventive health care.

Proper prevention can take many forms. Here in Massachusetts Governor King has proclaimed March as Save Your Vision Month. As a former professional athlete, Governor King knows how important good vision is to outstanding performance. Gerry Cheevers of the Boston Bruins also recognizes the value of his vision and wears a special mask to protect himself in the goal. Cheevers is serving as 1979 honorary chairman for

Save Your Vision Month in the state.

Another type of "proper prevention" is to be watchful of how your vision changes. To help those who don't have regular vision checkups, during March the Optometric Society is co-sponsoring glaucoma screenings with Lions Clubs in Springfield, Worcester, North Andover and Boston.

In addition, the Society is attempting to draw attention to the "Myth of 20/20 Vision" through speeches, radio and television appearances. "Right now," according to Dr. Joseph D'Amico, the group's presidents, "about half the people in this country wear corrective lenses of some kind. Many of them can't see properly even though they have 20/20 vision in both eyes."

"One reason we asked Gerry Cheevers to be our honorary chairman is because he depends so much on his eyes," said Dr. D'Amico. "It is possible to have 20/20 vision and still be unable to rapidly change focus when following a moving object or when shifting attention from a distant object to one nearby. Can you imagine a hockey goalie with this problem? Who knows how many children with above average athletic ability fail because they can't see properly."

"People in Massachusetts realize that life is worth seeing and their eyes are worth care," said Dr. D'Amico. "We'd like them all to say yes to their eyes during March."

The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists is a non-profit organization representing nearly 700 optometrists and students of optometry in Massachusetts. It was founded in 1907 as the Massachusetts Optical Society and the name was changed to the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists in 1919. The organization exists to improve the vision care and health of the public and to promote the art and science of the profession of optometry.

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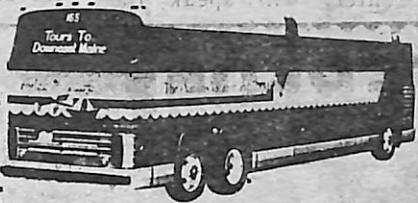
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Contrino on Deans List

Miss Nina Contrino, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

John Contrino of 180 Line Street, Feeding Hills, has been placed on the Dean's List at Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island. She is enrolled in the Executive Secretarial course at that school.

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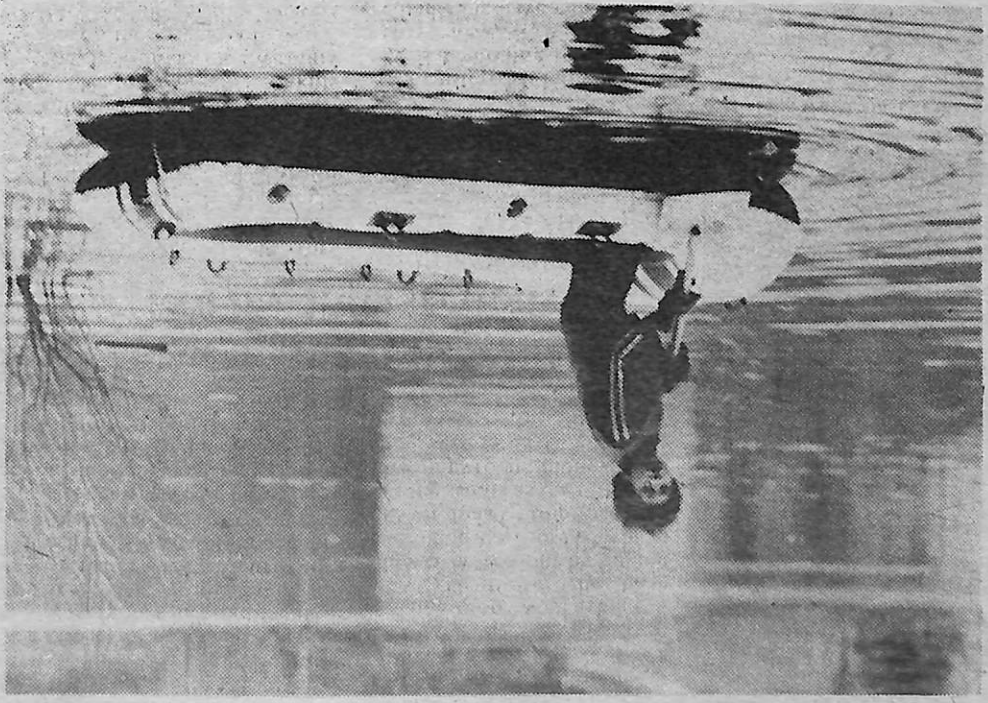
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Joe Polmatier, 11, is the captain of the rubber raft pictured at left and above. Joe, the son of Mr. & Mrs. James Polmatier of Peterson Circle, Feeding Hills, is just enjoying the end of his winter vacation. "We skated on it when it was frozen; I thought I would try sailing on it now," photo by Jack Devine

Learning Disability Meeting Planned

Have you wondered, "What part does a Pediatric Neurologist play in learning difficulties? Why is a neurological examination important in evaluating children with various developmental disorders and learning difficulties? What criteria determine if the child needs a neurological exam? What is involved in a neurological exam? If the exam shows the child has a learning disability, then what? How do teachers benefit from the information? Does one re-evaluate neurologically? Should all suspected learning-disabled children have this evaluation?"

Here is your opportunity to have your questions on this subject answered. Dr. Joseph Donnelly, Pediatric Neurologist at Baystate Medical Center, will speak on Tuesday, March 6 from 7-9 p.m. at the community room at Eastfield Mall, located at the intersection of Parker Street and Boston Road. The Community Room is located near the Mall Gazebo. This meeting is free and sponsored by the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (local chapter). There will be time for questions, and the public is encouraged to come.

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Family Spring Workshop

Massachusetts Audubon spent learning about the changing New England climate, its effects upon plants and animals and how they are all inter-related.

The "Family Spring Workshops" are open to the public and a fee is charged. Call Laughton Brook, any day, at 566-3571 for registration information.

"MOIS Making Mark"

by Charles J. Duels

One of the many avenues of career awareness being used by Agawam High Schools' Occupational Information System (OIS), a computer program, is available to the entire student body, as well as the students at the junior high school level.

300 plus occupations, ranging through such diverse areas as archeology, cosmology, mine engineering, oceanography, and sheet metal working, repose in the data bank. When set in motion, the machine spews forth vital information about the selected area as to the job description, related occupations, working conditions, aptitudes, hiring requirements, salary ranges, and training needed.

Once the student has this material at his disposal, he may secure a print-out as to how to prepare for the job. Next he may feed personal data into MOIS to aid him in searching for colleges, technical or business schools in New England where suitable training is available. Occasionally data is available for schools outside New England. In addition, the student may secure information about financial assistance for which he may be eligible.

Storrtown Program Planned

The panel discussion which examines "The Role of Discipline in today's Educational Institutions" will be held in the Brooks Memorial Building on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. Robert Walker, president of the Springfield Kiwanis and vice president of the Springfield YMCA, will act as panel moderator.

The panelists will include Judge Tullio Francesconi of Springfield's Juvenile Court; Edmund Bowler, principal of West Springfield High School; and William Wright, principal of Springfield's Technical High School.

Educators, parents, and business people are urged to attend the free discussion and are asked to call the Institute office at 786-2377 for a reservation.

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Editorials

An Observation

by Rick Sardella

A recent tour of duty around the leagues of the Agawam Athletic Association's winter programs reveals something which most accept as a fact of life in youth sports; the disruptive behavior of some over-zealous parents.

The problem is an age old one and the AAA should not be singularly called out for it. The Agawam Hockey Association, the Sacred Heart Baseball Association are others victimized by this abuse. Of course, the Town of Agawam is just a micronism when one considers the entire country suffers from the affliction.

"We tried to deal with the problem of parents becoming involved to the point that they become a nuisance to the league's smooth operation," one longtime official of West Springfield's boys soccer circuit said. "There's really not a hell of a lot you can do but try to point out to them they are only hurting the kids in the long run. But its only a select group who are coming to watch their kids play that cause scenes at the games. But again, it only takes one or two to cause a scene," he added.

This official, a veteran of many a beef with parents over the years, believes the role which parents play in youth sports both at the games and at home has far reaching implications on the kids.

"What is accomplished when a kid of eight or nine sees his father chewing out a coach or an umpire both during and after a game? Then this same parent goes home and keeps it up in the kid's presence. This is defeating the entire purpose of youth athletics."

More importantly, a child, who year after year, sport after sport witnesses his parent blame officiating and coaching will suffer in the long run. Attitude is so important during a child's development. A continual bad example on a parent's part serves only to imprint a lack of sportsmanship plus a "winning isn't everything, its the only thing" mentality on the offspring. We cannot believe Mr. Lombardi had intended for his winning at all costs statement to serve as a model for youth athletics to follow.

Some people would like to ignore the issue or pretend it does not exist. Just attend a youth athletic contest sometime, especially if a trophy or other hardware rewarding kids for their success is on the line. The evidence will speak loud and clear.

Little does it matter what sport is being showcased; football, basketball, baseball and hockey are all subjected to downright rudeness by a few sitting in the gallery. A neutral observer would soon believe that \$25,000 per player was riding on the outcome if the performers were not little leaguers.

"Some parents just cannot let their kids play and enjoy the game," an official of the AAA said recently. "Its one thing to come and support your kids but its another to pick a fight with a referee after a game or have continual bad feelings with a coach over what happened on an 8-10 baseball diamond. I've seen these things happen over the years."

Most criticism usually is reserved for the referees and umpires. Blunders and miscalculations on their part are all a part of the game. In an overall perspective, the men holding the whistles or calling the balls and strikes do a commendable job.

PeeWee competition cannot be elevated to a high school or college level where the competitive edge and philosophy is on a different plateau. These are groups of little leaguers we are speaking about. So what, a game is lost because of a bad call from time to time. The rest of your life won't be ruined because of a game your nine year old son or daughter lost.

A few weeks ago, a number of ten and eleven year olds, following a close loss, were slamming lockers and badmouthing officials because of their fate. Although the coach's attitude towards the men in the black and white pin stripes was anything but cordial during the game, a few parents of these boys said things like, "those two (referees) are awful every week, something should be done about them," and "well, there goes the jackets this year, we'll just have to settle for trophy's."

This case in point is not unusual. Those who use a youth league as a public forum to voice their frustrations are creating a reversal of the organizations original intent: a sense of sportsmanship, a feeling of participation and learning how to play a game with others, becomes clouded in a quagmire of parental objections.

Recently, one parent patted a coach on the back and said, "I just want you to know how much I appreciate the little things you do for your team. My boy is learning the right things. Its a pleasure for me to know he's having such a good time on your team."

This child is neither a star nor is the team winning consistently. The parent just wanted to let the coach know how pleased he was that his son is being taught the kind of things that will make him into a better person.

"Are youth athletics really for the parents or the kids?," is a question well worth asking. Guess this particular parent knows the answer.

From The State House

by Rep. Edward Connelly

THE TAX CAP

Everyone is talking about the Governor's tax cap bill; perhaps it should be explained. Beginning with their 1980 fiscal budgets, which will be voted on shortly, cities and towns may not raise or spend more than they raised and spent in fiscal year 1979. The Governor's "tax cap" bill includes several specific exceptions to both the appropriation and levy limits. Collective bargaining settlements must be paid within the "cap", not outside of the "cap" as King suggested several weeks ago.

Counties, transit districts, and a variety of other regional districts are limited in the same way as cities and towns.

The Local Finance Appeals Board established in the bill allows cities, towns, counties, and other local agencies to tax and spend above the limits. When the Board grants this authority it can set such conditions and requirements as it wishes.

The proposal contains procedures by which cities and towns can end their acceptance of certain state statutes. This includes a procedure by which the voters of a city or town can vote on any decision to end acceptance.

One million dollars is taken from the Local Aid Fund and assigned to municipal management improvement programs. A Local Government Management Advisory Board is established to advise the Secretary of Communities and Development on the program of municipal management improvement he creates with this money.

State mandates, which impose considerable costs on the cities and towns without their consent, are not affected by the Governor's bill. The cities and towns must continue to meet these costs - and the costs of the new state mandates that the General Court and the state agencies regularly impose - within the appropriation budget and the limits set in the bill.

Enormous powers are given to the Local Finance Appeals Board to control the operation of individual cities and towns. The bill contains no standards or criteria for the Board to use in granting or denying a request to exceed its. The bill expressly, without limits, allows the Board to impose "requirements" on cities and towns as a condition for exceeding the "caps."

Board members are all appointed by the Governor and subject to removal by him. The Governor has a substantial opportunity to impose his policies and priorities directly on the cities and towns.

School committee fiscal autonomy remains in effect. Binding arbitration for police and fire personnel also remains in effect. Unless local political pressure forces the school committee to voluntarily comply with the "cap", the school budget will gradually absorb a larger and larger percentage of the funds available to the city or town. Binding arbitration intentionally removes local control from the issue of salary levels and potentially can also absorb a larger and larger portion of available funds.

Since releasing his plan, Governor King has held a press conference and made a variety of statements about the plan. At the moment he apparently is willing to drop the Local Finance Appeals Board in favor of a special vote process at the local level. Also he will be watching the school committees. If they hide behind school fiscal autonomy, the Governor indicated that he would reconsider his decision not to repeal that autonomy. He is also considering limiting binding arbitration decisions.

In closing I think you are blowing this thing way out of proportion. Pot isn't as bad as all the older generation thinks it is. In fact I bet they never tried it.

Sincerely,
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questions regarding the lack of appointed authority of the Library Building Committee and the High School Renovation Committee.

The Manager's letter of January 2, 1979 to the Town Council raised very grave questions regarding the high school renovation.

We now request that the Manager suspend all activities of the Library Building Committee and the High School Renovation Committee.

Town Manager Caputo has delayed this inquiry since July, 1978. His lack of action has served to cover up this most serious matter for more than seven months.

Freedom of Information demands questions regarding the school renovation be included insofar as the same group of people have managed both the library and school projects.

Our Sub-committee regrets the need to release this through the media but efforts to proceed in a business like manner have not been successful. We sincerely request that Mr. Caputo reconsider his position.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Pat Guevin



I would like to thank the Agawam Jaycees-Jayceettes for the honor they bestowed upon me this past weekend. It really was a thrill being named their 'Business Person of the Year'.

The newspaper is not, however, a one-person operation, and I must admit that without the help of a dedicated and devoted staff, I wouldn't be eligible for any awards. My husband Lou, our number one ad salesman is the backbone of our little operation, for without revenue from advertising, we wouldn't be able to stay in business for very long.

Jack Devine, our photographer, who also sells advertising, is 'Johnny-on-the-spot' whenever and wherever we need him. He works long, hard hours to produce those great pictures everyone seems to enjoy seeing so much in the paper.

Kay Fleming, our circulation manager, sees to it that the papers get sent to the right places, on time. Her job is certainly not glamorous-as the newsprint on her hands will show you - but she has been one of the hardest workers I've ever seen, and we certainly couldn't get along without her.

Gail Lonetto, an investigative reporter who loves digging into a story doubles as layout artist and helps with paste up. She practically works around the clock on the day we go to press and deserves a standing ovation for her perseverance.

Joanne Brown, edits, typesets, and takes care of the office during the week. Joanne does a good job of 'organizing' the rest of us since 'organized' we are not.

Rita White does our billing - a most important job. She also mans the office one day a week, and in her spare time writes some of the best feature articles we've printed.

Along with the staff I have mentioned above, we have another salesman, Gordon Smart, and a staff of writers. Janet Cook, Mary Os, Kathy Bonzek, Rick Sardella, Bill Chiba, Dan Maruszczak Jr., Steve Berard and Charles Duclos.

All of these people have helped, in some way, to make the Agawam Advertiser/News a success, so the award reflects upon them as it does upon me. Again Jaycees - thank you - from all of us!

Board of Appeals School Committee To Meet To Meet

The Board of Appeals will hold hearings in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, March 15, 1979.

The Agawam School Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 27, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent of Schools office, Agawam Jr. High School.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed your newspaper ever since it has come out, but this article about "The Agawam Connection" is the biggest piece of junk I have ever read. What the students do is their business, and if they want to get high it's up to them.

Let me ask this question. If tobacco and alcohol have been proven harmful, how

come they aren't illegal? I am sure the school administration would rather have an "epidemic" of cigarettes than pot, but cigarettes have been proven harmful and pot hasn't.

I have been smoking pot for 6 years now and I know I am not addicted. When there is none around I go without and it don't bother me.

To the Editor:

The request by the Business Association Sub-Committee and the Citizen's Board of Review for an additional Board of Review member was not related to the request to include questions regarding the high school renovation. We again request an additional member so the Board will always have the power to vote majority.

We regret the manager's decision to deny questions regarding the high school renovation. Mr. Caputo, at the Business Association meeting of January 29, 1979 was not able to answer



Leaders of Pack 77 are pictured above. From left to right: Denise Laudato, Barbara O'Conner, Karol LaCombe, Mary McCarthy, Warren Charest, Robert Andry, Carol Allen, Peggy Lepper, Marie Grimaldi, and Mary Broadhurst. photo by Jack Devine



Cub Scouts from Pack 77 are pictured above. Row 1, kneeling, from left to right: Michael DiLullo, Joey Grimaldi, Jeffrey Govonni, Christopher Tweed, Jay Griffin, David Ziegert, Owen Broadhurst, Paul Reynolds, Warren Charest, and Jeffrey Walters. Second row, same order: Joseph Barrett, Stephen Kostka, Scott Adams, David Cross, Robert Longo, Kenne Matthew Lawrence, Michael Foley, Shawn Ciborowski, Daniel Bolduc, Gene Kingsley, and Philip Borrello. Third row, same order: Michael Egan, Parrish Emmens, Thomas DeNardo, Mark Lepper, Robert Allen, Scott Smith, Fred Adelman, Justin Zabic and Steven Bilodeau. Fourth row, same order: Brian Smith, Richard LaFlamme, Joseph Antico, James Laudato, Robert Regish, James Bickford, Michael O'Conner, John Wood, John Kingsley, David Andry, James Cook, David Allen, Marc Barber, and Peter Borey. photo by Jack Devine

"Time is Now" for Civil Service Reform

At the hearing in Boston on February 20th before the Public Service Committee on several bills designed to reform the state's antiquated civil service system, an impressive coalition of individuals and groups repeatedly emphasized the theme that the "Time is Now" for civil service reform.

Included in this group were representatives from the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, the Massachusetts Taxpayers' Foundation, the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the City of Cambridge, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Common Cause, the League of Women Voters, the Town of Lexington, Rep. Royall

Switzler (R-Wellesley), and Rep. Barney Frank (D-Back Bay).

The testimony from these groups centered around three bills, H-2651, H-2652, H-2653 filed by Rep. Frank. H-2652 would decentralize the State's civil service system, allowing individual communities to set up their own merit-based system in conformance with broad standards to be promulgated and enforced by the State.

Another bill, H-2651, would amend existing laws relative to layoffs and tenure to (1) allow appointing authorities to use other criteria in addition to seniority in making separa-

tions, namely history of satisfactory performance, ability, and current and projected employment needs, and (2) to limit tenure to a period not to exceed five years at any one time, subject to renewal for additional periods not to exceed five years by the appointing authority.

The third bill, H-2653, would provide for career executive assignments in

order to afford appointing authorities more flexibility in filling management positions.

All of these bills were enthusiastically endorsed by the aforementioned groups as a means of freeing local officials from state-imposed constraints on their ability to manage their labor forces and, hence, deliver necessary services in the most cost efficient manner.

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Pack 77 Holds Blue and Gold

On February 18, Cub Scout Pack 77 held a Blue and Gold Banquet at St. John's Social Center where a pot luck supper was served family-style with each den bringing their own hot and cold dishes. Table decorations were made by the cubs, and centerpieces by the den leaders.

Mr. Cesan, the Magician, entertained 250 people attending the supper, with the highlight of the performance coming when he gave a live bunny to a cub scout.

Invited guests were Mr. Rzewnicki, round table commissioner for Knox Trail, Richard Atkinson, scoutmaster for Troop 77, Edward Landry, institutional representative, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King, assistant fundraiser, and Father Gallerani, scout chaplain.

Several cubs received awards. They are as follows: receiving their wolf badges Michael Foley, Richard Pryce, Douglas Perry, Robert Regish, Marc Barber, Michael O'Connor, Gene and John Kingsley, Jay Griffin, and Stephen Kostka.

Shawn Ciborowski received his wolf, one gold, and two silver arrows. John Wood received his wolf, one gold, and one silver arrow. Owen Broadhurst received one gold and one silver arrow on his wolf.

Receiving their bear badges were Thomas DeNardo, Brian Smith, and Joseph Antico.

Parrish Emmons received his bear, one gold, and one silver arrow, as did Robert Longo. Scott Smith earned his bear, one gold, and two silver arrows. David Allen received his bear, one gold, and one silver arrow, and Richard LaFlamme earned one gold and two silver arrows.

Webelos awards for athlete went to Philip Borrello, Lincoln Harlow, Joseph Barrett, and Brian Smith. David Andry received athlete and aquanaut. Parrish

Emmons earned engineer, craftsman, and artist, and Robert Allen earned his artist. Fred Adelman earned his forester and geologist.

Denner ropes were given to James laudato, Richard Pryce, and Danny Bolduc, and assistant denner ropes ent to Douglas Perry, Richard LaFlamme, and Stephen Kostka.

Four boys - Scott Smith, Robert Longo, Mark Lepper, and Thomas DeNardo - went on to Webelos.

Thank you cards and Srevic pins were awarded to the leaders and committee. They are as follows: Warren Charest, cubmaster 1-year pin; Mary McCarthy, award chairman, den leader coach 14-year pin; Barbara O'Connor, den leader, Scout Pin; Karel LaCombe, den leader, 2-year pin; Marie Grimaldi, den leader, 1-year pin; Mary Broadhurst, den leader, Scout Pin; Peggy Lepper, den leader, Scout Pin; Carol Allen, den leader, treasurer, fundraiser, 4-year pin; Denise Laudato, den leader, Scout Pin; Robert Andry, Webelos leader, past cubmaster, 15-year pin; and Dave Dangelo, Webelos leader, 1-year pin.

A 1-year pin was also awarded to Committee Chairman Thomas DeNardo. Thank you cards and scout pins were given to Connie Andry, Judy DeNardo, Edward Landry, and Ralph King.

Pack 77 is believed to be the oldest pack in Agawam, having been active for 29 years. Because of a successful fundraiser, a new pack flag was purchased, and Robert Andry presented the old pack flag to Mary McCarthy along with a bronze plaque for fourteen years of continuous service as an assistant den mother, den leader, den leader coach, awards, and party chairman.

Thanks to all, the banquet was a huge success.

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Sports

Agawam Wrestlers Finish 9th In State Tourney

Members of the Agawam High Wrestling team recently competed in the Massachusetts State Championships. Agawam's Gerry Mason, in the 140 lb. class, took first place and will be representing Agawam in the New England Championships to be held Saturday, March 3, in Nashua, New Hampshire. Mason will be the first wrestler in Agawam history to compete in the New England.

Over 50 schools were represented in the Mass. State Championships, including a contingent of seven from Agawam. Russ Fogg competed in the 188 lb. class; Joe Pezzimenti in the 169 lb. class; Gerry Mason in the 140 lb. class; Gary Geiger in the 128 lb. class; Jay Barry in the



Jerry Mason, won 140 lb. class State Wrestling Title.

heavyweight division; Steve Fields in the 144 lb. class; and Bobby Schwin in the 107 lb. class. Mason placed first; Geiger and Fields placed 6th in the respective categories, and the Agawam team finished an overall 9th in the competition.

In the New England on Saturday, Mason will be seeded first in his class.



The 1978-79 Agawam High School varsity hockey team are pictured above: seated from left: Head Coach Bill Sapelli, Capt. Bob Laviolette, Jeff Bergin, Capt. Kevin Murphy, Al Warren, Capt. Jim Dow, Bill Pisisto Coach Bill Morrissey. Second row from left: manager Mick Lazazzera, Gary Melanson, Jay Shea, Mark Laviolette, C. Vanesse, P. O'Brien, J. Sibilia, and P. Moreau. Third row from left: John Colby, Mick Longhi, John Couture, Jeff Masi, Al Hardina, Pat Sullivan, and Tom Sibilia.

Piranhas Swim On and On . . .

Could you swim the number of miles it would take to go to Worcester and back? On Sunday, February 18, 67 swimmers did just that when they participated in the A.A. Piranha Swim held at the Agawam Jr. High pool.

Swimmers ranged in age from 5 to 40, and they racked up a total of 143 miles of swimming. Twenty-five swimmers reached the maximum 200 lengths of the pool, and just about all swimmers managed to make and, in some cases, surpass

the coach's challenge, entitling them to receive a special patch for their warm-up jackets.

The pool was bustling with activity from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parents and friends gave moral support and kept a running tally of laps, urging the swimmers on to do "just 20 more laps."

Swimmers emerged from the water after their 2-hour period, some blue-lipped or shivering or both, with smiles of satisfaction on their faces. They had been presented with

a challenge and had met it.

Swim Commissioner Rod Richardson and Coach Judi Gregory, both participants themselves, were well-pleased with the final tallies of the day. This is the only fundraiser the team holds. The proceeds are used to defray the cost of the coach's salary and team equipment.

We would like to express our appreciation to the people of the town of Agawam who supported our efforts.

On Sunday, March 11, the team will hold its Swim Supper culminating the winter season at the Polish-American Club at 5 p.m. Stroke patches and certificates will be given at this time. Our 8-and-under boys will receive their League Championship patches. These youngsters had an undefeated 9-0 season.

Returning swimmers will have the opportunity to register that night for the summer season. A separate registration for new swimmers will be held at a later time.

Raiders Take District 6 Championship

by 'Boom Boom' Bouchard

The Agawam Hockey Association 8-10 A Tuskin Raiders won the A.H.A.C.M. District 6 Squirt Division II open championship by defeating West Side 8-1 at the Chicopee rink Sunday morning. The team will now head for Fitchburg to go for the State championship.

The Raiders are the first Agawam team to advance to the state finals in two years.

It was a typical Agawam-West Side game that saw Agawam take a 3-0 lead in the first period. West Side struck back in the second period with their only goal. From then on it was Agawam all the way.

After the game the boys lined up on their own blue lines, and Agawam received the championship trophy. The Raiders lead their division by 4 points in regular league play.

Let's hope the Raiders bring the state championship back to Agawam when they meet the Boston area champs the weekend of March 16 at Fitchburg arena.

Blackhawks Tie 16 Acres

In one of the best played games of the year, the 10-12 A Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drewnowski, came from behind to tie the 16 Acres team at 3-3.

Peter Sibilia scored two goals, with assists from Paul Ferraro, Dennis Drewnowski, and Mike Santori. Kevin Mercadante scored the tying goal with assists from Joe Dussault and John O'Malley.

In the AHAUS tournament played during school vacation, the Blackhawks were defeated 5-3 by Chicopee and eliminated from further

play. Agawam's goals were scored by Dean Liptak, assisted by Bill Beauregard and John Spellacy. Kevin Mercadante came through with two goals assisted by Erik Blanchard and Jay Passerini.

An empty net with two minutes left to play allowed Chicopee the extra goal which put the game out of reach for the Blackhawks. As usual, Dave Liptak did a tremendous job in goal.

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Members of the Agawam Association's 6-8 hockey team are pictured above. Front row, from left: Mike Keeney, Craig LaPierre, Paul Karam, Gary Francoeur, and Mark Sohay. Second row, same order: Toni Bracci, Joey Del-Buono, Captain Mike Passerini, Shawn Grealis, and Derek Egan. Third row, same order: Steve Silva, Jim Farrell, Jason Guevin, Mike Shea, and Chris Shuman. Absent was Bobby Carter. The coach of the team is Bob Guevin of Agawam. photo by Jack Devine

Minnechaug, Longmeadow Bounce, Brownies

Rookie coach Lou Conte watched his squad's record fall to 5-14 as Valley Wheel powers Minnechaug and Longmeadow dealt the Brownies back to back setbacks last week.

Longmeadow, on the strength of their league title will enter the Western Mass Division One tournament seeded number six while the Falcons made the post season cut with a 12-8 mark. Minnechaug in recent weeks overtook favored Amherst and Putnam in the battle for a runners-up position in the Wheel.

As for the Brownies, they finalize their season against archrival West Springfield in a home encounter Tuesday, February 27. Conte and the senior members of the Agawam club would like nothing better than to avenge an earlier shellacking dealt by the Terriers. "It certainly would be a nice way to end the season with a victory over West Springfield," Conte said.

Those seniors who will end their careers donning Brownies colors include Tommy Knight, Tom Napolitan, Peter Sardella, Scott Massoia and Mike Barnes. They should receive an appreciative applause from a gathering that undoubtedly will be fired up for this one. Brownie loyalists experienced little opportunity to cheer this season in terms of a win-loss percentage.

The big and muscular Falcons of Minnechaug performed like a team vying for a tournament berth Tuesday, February 20 at the Agawam gym. The visitors victory was never in doubt. Kevin Holliday and John Devine notched 18 and 16 points for the winners. Junior Rick LeClerc led the locals with 14 followed by Abe Yacteen's 12. Foul trouble on Yacteen's part forced LeClerc to battle the Falcon strongmen virtually by himself. Minnechaug took 3-4 shots a whack and when that happens the opposition has little hope.

The Tyrone Settles-less Longmeadow Lancers entertained Agawam Friday, February 23 and the locals fought the league champions in gamely fashion. In the end, Ron Morrisette's crew won 73-63 as six players tallied double figures.

The game's most potent force was Agawam's junior center Abe Yacteen. Yacteen ripped the cords for 22 points and 16 rebounds in his best overall exhibition of the season. Conte has to be particularly gratified with his fine junior when thinking about next season. Add LeClerc to the pool and the Brownies will have one solid front wall next November.

Scott Massoia's 12 and 8 points from Knight and LeClerc capped Agawam scoring.

Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba

The city of Buffalo, New York has sent a gift of two American buffalo to its sister city Kiryat, Gat, the Biblical home of Goliath in southwest Israel.

The buffalo, the first in the Middle East, will be housed in the national Biblical Zoo in Jerusalem, where special facilities have been constructed for their display and eventual breeding.

The Board of Fisheries and Wildlife will hold a public hearing on the additions and deletions for the muzzleloader season. The date of the hearing will be announced in the future. If you are interested in this sport of primitive hunting for deer, plan to attend the hearing and express your views.

Last year hundreds of ducks and geese were stranded on a long tidal pond in Connecticut when it froze over. The call for help went out. Migrating patterns are changing down the Atlantic Flyway, and most of the ducks and geese found that pond as far south as they intended to go. Food was a real problem for them.

Who responded? You could have bet on it. The local anti-hunters and do-gooders looked the other way and wrapped their mufflers tighter and turned up the thermostat.

It was a band of local duck and goose hunters who dug down into the sock, bought feed, and braved the cold blasts humming in across Long Island Sound to see that



the wildfowl were fed. Even the local newspaper, not known for pro-hunting attitude, saw fit to commend them for their action.

So look around and see what you can do. Mainly this time of year, keep your dogs under control. Last evening upon arriving home, I found four dogs banded together on my front lawn. They bounded over into Robinson State Park. Several deer have been found torn apart again this year. When your pet joins the crowd, he or she is a different animal. They will chase deer and tear them apart alive. It isn't a pleasant sight to see.

One of the outstanding things about American hunters is that they don't just use wildlife - they cherish it and do more than any other group or combination of groups to see that it survives.

Little League Sign-Ups Slated

Once again, the Agawam Little League will hold their sign-up night for the coming baseball season. Games are played at their own field, which is located behind Phelps School playground. There are two sizes of fields - one for the younger children and a larger one for older children.

The ages for the league are 5 to 15 years old, with uniforms provided for the children. The instructional and inor

Leagues stress skills, not competition. Those children playing in the Major or Senior League will have a chance to play in every game he attends. Last year, jackets were awarded to the players who played on the Major or Senior Division teams and placed first in their division.

Sign-ups for the coming season will be held at the Capt. Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam, on March 5th from 7 to 9 p.m.

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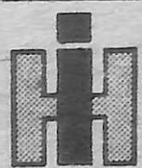
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The Calypso Travel team of 8-10 boys is pictured above. Front row, from left to right: Peter Scheindier, Tim Sheehan, Rich Sheehan, Eric Early and Jay Perry. Second row, same order: Peter Saracino, Robert Perry, David Webster, and Frank Buonaconti. Third row: Ben Fish, Gino Mercadante, David Hewit and Richard Hackett.



The Agawam varsity wrestling team is pictured above. From left to right, front row: Coach Grasset, Gary Geiger, Paul Zerinopoulos, Frank Bonavita, Steven Fields, Bobby Schwein, and Steve Squeglia. Back row, same order, Coach Holenko, Gerry Mason, Dan Guthrie, John Morassi, Ross Fogg, Joe Pezzimenti and Coach Tomkeil. photo by Jack Devine

Century Auto Blasts Calypso 40-16

Century Auto maintained a one game lead over second place St. Anthony's with an impressive 43-16 victory over Calypso Saturday in Agawam Athletic Association 8-10 action.

St. Anthony outlasted third place Curran Jones 30-23 earlier in the day forcing Century Auto into a position of needing a win against Calypso to maintain first place. Century Auto now stands at a perfect 8-0 while St. Anthony's rides a 7-1 mark. St. Anthony's only hope for a post season berth comes next week. If Pioneer Valley Auto can upset Century Auto and St. Anthony can defeat a scrappy St. Theresa quintet, a special playoff between the two 8-10 forerunners will determine the league championship.

Century's fine center Dave Pemberton once again led all with 20 points. The steady Todd Bennett chipped in 13 and guard Tim Lockwood bagged 8 to help the winning cause.

Calypso never threatened

from the opening whistle. The only lead Calypso held was at 2-0 when Tim Sheehan stole the ball and drove for the field goal. Baskets by Pemberton and Lockwood late in the first quarter lifted Century into a 12-6 advantage at the buzzer.

Century exploded in period two as the smaller Calypso squad could do little to stop the strong Century front line. Century outscored Calypso in a 14-2 spurt during the second quarter for a 26-10 halftime lead.

Continual all court pressure from Jim Frogameni's crew held Calypso without a basket in period three. Pemberton and big forward Tom Frogameni had a field day off the backboards. By the quarters completion, Century led 38-12 and from there just coasted to the easy decision.

Pete Saracino, a scrappy forward and Sheehan headed scoring with 5 points apiece. Gino Mercadante's group saw their record even a 4-4 with the loss. Curran-Jones is Calypso's final opponent of the season on Saturday.



Century Auto sponsors this 8-10 boys basketball team. First row, from left: Tim Lockwood, Henry Kozloski, Jim Lockwood and Steve Chenevert. Second row, same order: Todd Bennett, Richard Rogers, and Dave Allen. Third row, same order: Jim Frogameni, Anthony Frogameni, Dave Pemberton, and Nello Grasseti.



The Butcher's Corner 10-12 boys team is shown above. First row, from left: Don Schlichting, Ron Viens, Bob Wing, and Jim Consolini. Second Row: Darren Copple, Vic Carra, and Alan D'Amours. Third row: Coach Nello Grasseti, Mark Blanchard, Carl Kruschwitz, Mario Pezzementi and Coach Vic Carra.

McCarthy Tile Handles Butcher's Corner 37-28

McCarthy Tile upped its seasonal mark to 4-4 with a 37-28 win over Butcher's Corner Saturday.

"I'm very pleased with the way our club has been progressing this season," coach Rich Mahoney of McCarthy said. "We've been competitive in all of our games. No one sees us as an easy win. They know they'll really have to work to beat us."

McCarthy's outstanding guard Jeff Jackuboski put the victory into motion in his usual fashion. Jackuboski is

perhaps the 10-12's best penetrator from the back-court slot. His 13 points led all scorers and kept Butcher's Corner forwards off balance throughout the contest.

"Jeff sure gives us an added dimension when he can drive to the hoop. When that happens they begin to concentrate on him to much and we have other people who can hurt you," Mahoney said.

Mahoney credited a full court press employed by his forces as another key factor in the final tally. "We do better when the tempo can be a

quicker pace. I felt we could run on them and its a method to keep the kids in the game at all times. You have to run like crazy or be scored upon if the press breaks down."

Shawn Uschmann and Billy Lyne also figured strongly in

McCarthy's victory that put them at the 500 mark. Their tenacious rebounding paid off with numerous fast breaks. Both McCarthy and Lyne canned 10 points.

"If we can maintain a good team balance we are so much



McCarthy Tile 10-12 coaches Rich Mahoney (left) and Gary Eggleston (right) with boys standing Troy Hitchcock and Jim Frogameni. 2nd row L-R Billy lyne, Mike Marmo and Shaun Uschmann. Sitting L-R Steve Pinette, Tony Kunasek and Dave Dematteo

more effective," Mahoney said. "Sometimes Jeff draws too big a crowd and if the other kids are not taking advantage of the opportunities given them, we're really not very effective. Both Shawn and Billy scrap under the boards and that's where these games are won and lost," the McCarthy helmsman added.

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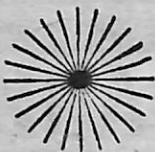
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Perrilo Leads Agawam Construction Past Westbank

Dave Perrilo is an intimidating presence even when he's not banking in short jumpers.

But when Agawam Construction's huge 5-11 center finds a field goal groove, the opposition is in a lot of trouble. Such was the case Saturday as Perrilo canned 10 fourth quarter points to whip Construction to a 39-27 victory over Westbank in the feature game in Agawam Athletic Association 10-12 activity.

The Construction victory had considerable significance for both squads. Dean Vecchiarelli's group virtually clinched the American Division title sending Westbank into a wait till next year status. Construction's 7-1 mark gives Bob Hershey's squad only a mathematical chance of making the playoffs with a 5-3 record. Only back to back setbacks by Construction and two Westbank wins in the last two contests could force a special playoff series between the two

command with two consecutive baskets of the offensive rebound variety early in the fourth session. That elevated Construction to a ten point margin. Westbank never came closer than eight before time elapsed.

"Our size definitely gives us a great advantage over the rest of the league," Vecchiarelli. If another team outrebounded us then they sure have done an outstanding job."

Construction also received strong performances from guard Todd Lockwood and forward John Alves. Lockwood had six of Construction's 12 first half points when both clubs were playing a sluggish brand of ball. Alves, along with forward Todd Dudah climbed all over Westbank's smaller front line who did a yeoman's job considering the size difference.

"Give them a lot of credit, they rebounded fairly well," Vecchiarelli said after reviewing the game's backboard tally. Con-

siderably when the third ten minutes began. Although outgunned 10-8 in the quarter, Westbank played well and deserved a better fate than a 22-16 deficit.

A bushel of missed shots from underneath can be blamed for Westbank's failure to overtake Construction. Forwards Kevin Connors and Rick Olsen momentarily nullified the height disadvantage but could not take find the range.

"Yeah, missing a lot of easy shots hurt us," Hersey said. "The fourth quarter was theris all the way and we could do little to stop it."

Perrilo's 12 points led all point makers. Connor's had 11 and Baily 8 to earn scoring honors for Westbank. Lockwood tossed in 11, Alves 4, Massoia 4 and Dudah 4 to further aid Construction's output.



Russo Construction's 10-12 girls basketball team is pictured above. Front row, from left: Karen Spaulding, Dyan Boucher, Dana Venturini, and Kelly Slamon. Second row: Lisa Frechette, Julie Miodowski, and Linda Desmaris. Standing are coaches Lou Miodowski and Jim O'Keefe.



Westbank's 10-12 team is pictured at recent game. Front row, from left: Doug Baillie, Frank Cavallo, Paul Koretz, and Jimmy Retzler. Second row: Mike Longo, Brian Connor, and Scott Mortimer. Third row: Coach Ed Connor, Kevin Connor, Rick Olson, and Coach Bob Hersey.

American Division teams. National Division kingpin St. John's will provide the opposition in the coming tournament.

"It was a good one for us to win, especially after losing to St. John's last week," Vecchiarelli said. "We really didn't play that well today but Perrilo bailed us out in the last quarter."

Construction led going into the final ten minutes 22-16 but Westbank seemed to have gathered some momentum after a strong third period. Perrilo, who had not figured significantly in the point column up to then, began crashing the fourth quarter iron with the authority which marks him so valuable to the Construction attack.

"We just don't have anything to compare with them on the boards," lamented losing mentor Bob Hersey. "They're just to big and strong. The kids tried to set up plays on the inside but Perrilo forced us outside most of the game."

Perrilo spurred Construction back in full

struction 37-26 advantage off the glass, but in the crucial fourth quarter, Construction leapers ruled the boards by a whooping 13-4 margin. Hersey called this the most revealing factor in the outcome.

A ragged first period that saw three buckets by Construction one by Westbank, changed little once period two got underway. Each squad watched their share of turnovers and blown layups continue. Forward Doug Baily sunk two from downtown while Blair Massoia, Lockwood and Alves tossed home baskets for Construction. The scorecard read 12-8 Construction after twenty minutes of floor time.

"That was perhaps the worst first half we played all season," Vecchiarelli said. We got the ball inside and kept them shooting poor percentage shots but we led by just 4 at halftime. It was an odd situation that was corrected once our inside game began to wear them down."

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

While it is true that man's presence has been beneficial to a number of species of birds, it has been harmful to others. One bird being pushed to extinction by man is our own national emblem, the bald eagle.

A bald eagle at rest is easy to identify; the hard part is to find one to observe. Although the pioneers of this country saw bald eagles frequently, today, the average American sees one only after it has been to the taxidermist.

Measuring 30 to 31 inches in length, this impressive bird may have a wing span as wide as 72 to 90 inches. The main part of the body is blackish, while the large head and short tail are white. The large yellow beak offers the only other bit of color.

The immatures are brown, mottled irregularly with white, and they gain full adult coloration only after about four years. As with most accipiters, the female is larger than the male, and interestingly, the immatures leaving the nest are larger than the parents for a time.

At one time the bald eagle bred throughout the nation, but now it nests primarily in Alaska and northern New England only. Since it is a fish-eater, the eagle nests near fresh or salt water sources, usually in the highest tree available.

The nest of the bald eagle is a very sturdy affair made of branches and sticks. The eagle returns yearly to its nest and makes additions and repairs. Some eagles have two nests which they use in alternate years apparently to minimize the effects of parasites. Eagles mate for life and return to the homestead annually. One bald eagle nest was measured at twenty feet deep and nine

feet across.

Bald eagles are fish eaters, but not really fishermen. They are more likely to feed on dead fish washed to shore or caught by and wrested from an osprey or some other unfortunate hunter.

Their feeding habits have contributed heavily to their impending demise. Some dead fish washed ashore are victims of pesticides and other pollutants contaminating our waters. The bald eagle eats of these fish and introduces these contaminants into its body. Since the bald eagle does not mate until it is five years of age, it has plenty of time to accumulate these poisons.

The bird itself is not affected, but its eggs are. Calcium production is impaired, and consequently, the shell of the eggs produced are thinner and more easily broken. Or the egg simply may be infertile. The end result is fewer offspring and a decline in the population. Currently in this country, there is a larger adult population than immature population of the bald eagle. This points to a definite decline.

There are projects to protect the bald eagle and to increase the population. One expensive and time-consuming plan is to "plant" healthy, captivity-laid eggs into wild nests. If done at the appropriate time with little disruption of the nest, the adults will raise the foster eggs as their own. Of course, when these healthy immatures eat of the pesticides, the benefits are reduced, and the death cycle starts up again.

The solution lies in cleaning up the water ways and reintroducing healthy eggs. Otherwise, America faces the loss of this most impressive bird.



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is for a period of twenty days, commencing on February 19, 1979.

On Monday, February 26, Town Manager Peter Caputo denied the Business Association's request for an additional member to the Review Board. He stated, "this is not a voting matter, and therefore a 'voting majority' is not necessary." At the same time, Caputo denied the request for an extension of the twenty days.

On the matter of questioning the Review Board about the High School Renovation Committee, Caputo reiterated his commission to the Board and reminded them that they were appointed to seek out answers to the Business Association's questions pertaining to the Library Building Committee, and not the High School Renovation Committee.

In response to Caputo's actions, the Business Association stated in a release given to the press on Monday, February 26: "We no request that the Manager suspend all activities of the Library Building Committee and the High School Renovation Committee."

They went on to further state, "Town Manager Caputo has delayed this inquiry since July, 1978. His lack of action has served to cover up this most serious matter for more than seven months."

On Monday night, February 26, the Review Board met with members of the Library Building Committee. Councilor and Committee member Paul Fieldstad gave oral answers to the list of questions presented by the Business Association. He answered that the minutes of the Building Committee's meetings were complete and on file, and that he, Bickford and Borgatti were appointed by former Town Manager James Westman on July 7, 1977. Fieldstad indicated that neither he nor the other members of the Committee

were aware that they had to be sworn in since they were appointed by the Manager.

Fieldstad continued by stating that the first official meeting of the Building Committee was on September 15, 1977, and therefore no minutes exist prior to that date.

At the conclusion of Fieldstad's presentation, Thomas asked that the Building Committee present their answers in writing. Fieldstad indicated that his committee has "every intention of cooperating," but needed more time to document their answers. Thomas then reminded Fieldstad that the Review Board had only a short time left to complete its duties. It was agreed that the Review Board would formally request the answers in writing, and that the Building Committee would comply with the request.

Fieldstad referred the question of how the budget figures were arrived at to John Stone, head of the D.P.W. in Agawam, Caputo, and E.D.A. (the Economic Development Administration who provided funding for the library project.)

Mr. Fieldstad was then asked if he and the members of the Building Committee would answer questions from the Review Board. Fieldstad indicated that the Committee wished to have any questions in writing.

Chairman Thomas divided the Review Board into subcommittees to research the answers to the questions. A meeting date was set for Monday, March 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building. He noted that at that time, members of the Business Association would be asked to present a second series of questions which they contend they have, but which they did not wish to release until answers to the first ten questions were given.

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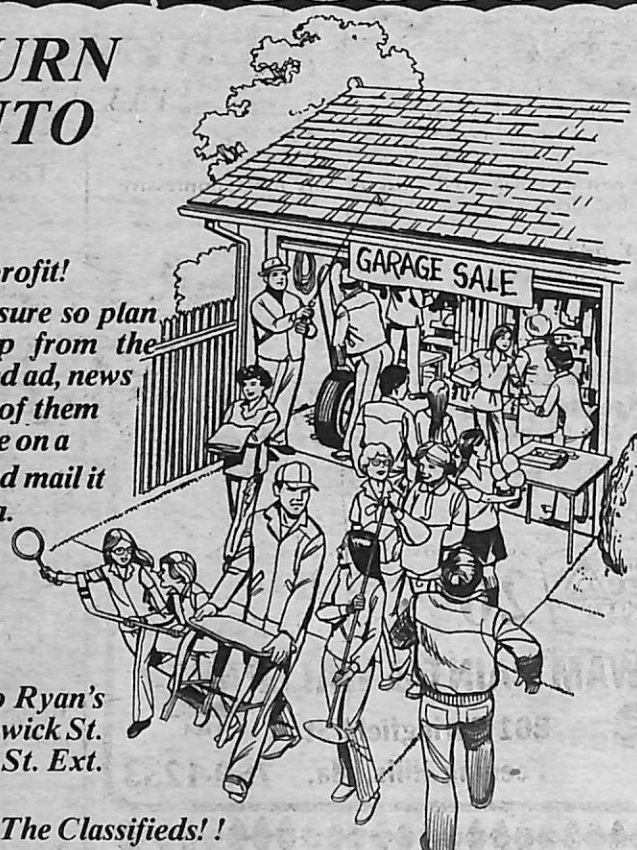
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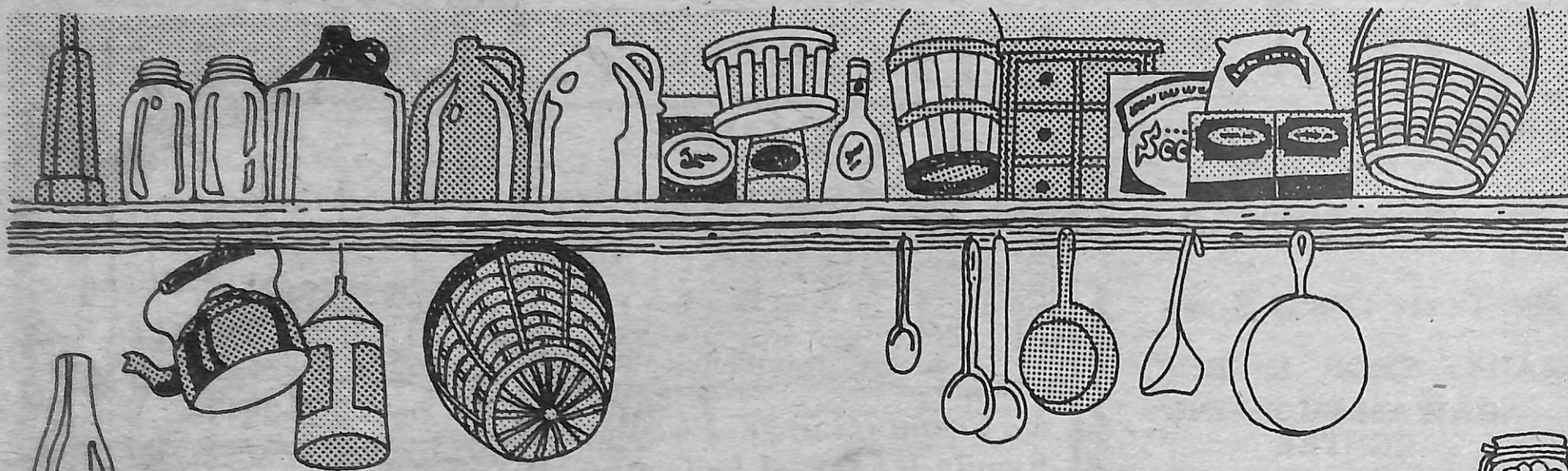
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